

Daily Empire.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1865.

Current News Items.

The Washington dispatch to the New York Times says General Sheridan is to be President of the Assassination Court-martial.

Arrangements are being made to pay all the troops which rendezvous at Washington before they are mustered out.

The *News*, kept in service, will only be about 150,000, and they will be mostly negroes. The reorganized army will consist of four corps, of about 40,000 each.

Nothing has been heard of late of Jeff Davis. The report that he was obliged to abandon the specie train is contradicted.

Many bodies from the steamer *Sultana* are floating in the river. Forty of them have been brought ashore and buried. None of the bodies were identified.

General Joseph E. Johnston has issued an address to his troops, in which he earnestly exhorts them to observe faithfully the terms of the pacification agreed upon, and to discharge the obligations of good and peaceful citizens at their homes.

Lieutenant Ruggles and Lieutenant Bainbridge, of the Confederate Army, have been arrested for participation in the assassination of the President.

Telegraph communication has been re-established between Washington and Macon, Georgia.

President Lincoln was a member of a Masonic Lodge at Springfield—a Master Mason.

Nearly all the leading officials in the city of Richmond have taken the oath of allegiance.

The tree under which Grant and Pemberton held the interview which resulted in the capitulation of Vicksburg, has disappeared, root, branch, trunk and all, carried off by souvenir hunters.

There is a great rush of speculators to Richmond. Already the "Yankees" from New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore have opened large stores for the sale of dry goods, clothing, provision, etc.

Burnham has offered one thousand dollars for the pillow of the bed on which President Lincoln died.

The Fenians are to have a great Pic Nic at Cincinnati on the 29th inst.

It has been suggested that the Humane Societies should look after the suffering bony hookers.

The Lafayette Courier says that Captain Robert Lincoln, in company with his mother and other members of the family, passed through that city, on Thursday, en route for Springfield.

A new gunpowder has been discovered in Germany, which has three times the explosive force, and costs only half as much as the powder now in use. The principal materials are rosins and chlorate of potash.

A member of General Grant's staff has left Washington for Cairo, to enquire into the causes of the Salt Lake disaster.

It is now asserted that there is no truth in the report that Minister Adams has been recalled to become Secretary of State.

Not Much Scared.

The editor of the Newark Advocate received a letter from some of his "loyal" neighbors, a short time since, dictating to him what he should and should not say in his paper, threatening to "wipe out" his office if he did not take heed. He made the following brief and significant reply:

"We shall make no threat in return, but would in all kindness advise them to 'set their houses in order,' take an affectionate leave of their families, and make their peace with God, before they engage in the wiping out process, for such plays sometimes endanger the lives of the actors."

That's the right kind of talk. Men who exhibit this spirit are in no danger at all.

No More Mercy.

The Albany (N. Y.) Express, one of the most earnest abolition papers in the country, in speaking of the thirst for vengeance manifested in the avowal, by men of its own party, that there should be no more mercy towards the South, because of the assassination of the late President, says:

"Nor should we mourn the manner of his death. There was nothing shocking in the mere instrument itself. Have not thousands of soldiers fallen upon the battle field by the bullet of an enemy? So he fell. Is battle counted so dreadful a mode of death? It was as if he had fallen in battle. Do not all soldiers ask to die in the hour of victory? And was it not meet that he should be joined with them in a common experience to whom he had been joined in all his sympathy and life? I bless God that there is some argument of consolation in the matter and manner of his going."

The Allen County Democrat makes the following quotation from a speech of the Rev. Mr. Motley, at Lima, the day after the assassination:

"I had noticed by the papers for a week or ten days prior to the assassination that Mr. Lincoln was adopting and pursuing a policy that would eventually bring those scoundrels down South back, and give them again the right of suffrage, and when I heard of the assassination, I just thought to myself that God in his inscrutable Providence, had taken him (Lincoln) off just about the right time."

A Methodist preacher at St. Clairsville, talked the same way, and declared that the "assassination of President Lincoln was the act of God, because Mr. Lincoln was too merciful to the rebels of the South."

Now, we challenge the whole abolition press to show an instance in which Democratic papers or members of the Democratic party have used language like that quoted above, from abolition sources. Had they done so, they would have been de-

Who is Responsible?

Some of the rabid abolition papers are laboring to fix the responsibility of President Lincoln's assassination upon the Democrats. They make no specific charges that we have seen, but charge upon "general principles," that members of the Democratic party, in concert with the Confederate leaders, counseled the murder of Lincoln. The charge is, of course, false, cowardly, malignant, and devilish. There is not the least semblance of truth in the accusation. The authors of it know this, and it is simply made to cover up their own infamy. The truth is, that the only threats of assassination, and the only justification of it, has come from abolitionists alone.

We published a few days ago, an extract from the correspondence of a certain Deacon Gray, to the Columbus Journal, which appeared in that paper on the 9th of August, 1864. The Deacon, at the time, was a Quartermaster in the army. We reprint what he said, as follows:

"I like the spirit of the Major in command of the 6th Ohio. When in his presence the question was presumptuously asked, 'Shall we eventually have to compromise?' He turned with a withering look and said, 'I entered this campaign with over 800 men; to-day I can muster 192, and I tell you that if the President *lets us* even compromise, there are 192 *assassins* in my command ready to march, solitary and alone, to the White House. We wish our friends at home had this spirit—this is the spirit of the Federal army, who bear the burden.'

Here was a direct and palpable threat of "assassination," in case the President even "hinted" at "compromise." And the Columbus Journal, the paper in which the above threat of assassination appeared, immediately after the President's death, contained this significant paragraph:

"While the tragic manner of his taking off, fills every mind with horror and indignation, yet had it been left to Mr. Lincoln's most partial friends to select the time for his laying down the sceptre of authority and rendering his mortal audit, they *now* could scarce have selected an hour more auspicious for his fame than that in which he so unexpectedly met his fate."

This is, to say the least, a tacit endorsement of the crime of the assassin.

But this is not all. One Charles H. Drake is a leading member of the Missouri Constitutional Convention. He is a radical—an abolitionist. As will be seen by the following from the St. Louis *Advertiser*, of the 29th of April, he expressed the opinion that under certain circumstances the assassination of President Lincoln was admissible:

"We were not surprised yesterday to see Mr. Drake, for want of better arguments, use the murderer Booth in support of his Constitutionality. But, in doing so, Mr. Drake has entered a field containing quite peculiar dangers for himself. Has he forgotten his furious speech of the 28th of January, wherein he presaged the assassination of the President, under certain contingencies? We have not forgotten that speech, nor have the people forgotten it. The present day is not a proper occasion to allude further to this matter. But Mr. Drake may be sure that his speech of the 28th of January will fall still more, sell off the old stock at once should he be the motto of every prudent dealer. Dispose of it promptly, and at the best prices you can get, for the longer you hold on the less prices you will obtain. It is better to voluntarily submit to a small loss than by-and-by. Sell off! sell off! and to accomplish this indispensable feat, advertise liberally. Now is the time, we repeat, to do it. If you can, by advertising more, and thus selling more, and when the crash comes you will be safe. This is the plain dictate of common sense, and he who heeds it not will bitterly regret, before long, his foolish negligence."

The political abolition preachers have indulged in the same strain. Beecher does not think the manner of Lincoln's death at all horrible. He palliates the deed. He says:

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The Woodfield (O.) Spirit of the Democracy expresses our sentiments exactly when it says:

"The most despicable men are those vile demagogues who are engaged in making political capital out of the mutilated body of the dead President. It is not hard to believe that such men secretly rejoice over the foul deed. The eagerness with which they spise upon it, and the disreputable use they make of it, are wholly inconsistent with sacred sorrow for the dead."

LOCAL MATTERS.

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Mr. John V. Nauert has taken leave of our city for a short visit to Germany.

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Lunch every day at ten o'clock at the Cooper House.

Hon. Orasmus C. Merrill, member of Congress from Vermont during the session of 1817 and 1818, died at Bennington Centre, on the 11th ultimo, aged nearly ninety years.

nounced as "traitors," and in all probability mobbed, by their excessively "loyal" neighbors.

There is one significant fact connected with the insane ravings of these abolition fanatics over the death of Lincoln. In almost every instance, they charge the crime of the assassin on "Divine Providence!" We simply, but reverently, ask: If the Almighty is responsible for the perpetration of this crime, why blame and punish the instruments He employed to execute His will?

The Washington Chronicle, which is regarded as the official organ of the Administration, states that "the President and his Cabinet have arrived at the conclusion that the war is virtually ended, and that there is no more need of men or supplies, and that the standing army of the United States will hereafter be sufficient to preserve the peace of the country. It is intended to reduce the military force to two hundred or two hundred and fifty thousand men, of which one-half, at least, will be colored troops, and to discharge those troops whose term of service will expire the soonest."

Eternal Punishment. —If there are any men living that deserve the execution of all men, and *eternal punishment in the future*, it is the copperhead common council of New York city, for their despicable meanness, in refusing a place in the procession to the honored people of that city—Courts.

But a number of white organizations were ruled out also, not having appeared in time. How much short of eternity should the common council be punished for enacting out white men, who did not comply with the arrangements? But the colored men did join the procession, by order of the Secretary of War, who seems to regulate the municipal affairs of New York, but who didn't give orders for the rejected white men to join in. "Eternal punishment" is a pretty severe infliction for the entire board, but the *Court* having rendered the judgment, we wouldn't dare to suggest a remedy, unless it be that Secretary Stanton may countermand it.—*Hartford Times.*

NOTICE. —
A LL persons are cautioned not to trust my wife, Sarah Jace, on my account, I will not pay any debts of her contracting, as she left me without any cause.
THOMAS TANTON.

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